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To Dahlia Lovers

Superceding all previous Lists

I am taking great pleasure in presenting to you this list of exceptionally good dahlias containing many Certificate of Merit and Honor Roll dahlias together with some of the older varieties which have proved themselves of outstanding worth and dependability.

As I have acquired a large seed clientele I grow only the better and larger varieties of cactus, semi-cactus and decorative types of dahlias in my garden which is situated in a territory free from any of the smaller types of dahlias.

All seed is thoroughly ripened on the plants, which is made possible by the long California growing season, and thus is assured of a high percentage of germination. Seed is all hand picked and hand cleaned and thoroughly tested before shipping.

I DO NOT GROW FOR CUT FLOWERS AND CONSEQUENTLY HAVE NO REASON TO FORCE MY PLANTS, THUS ALLOWING ALL THE STRENGTH OF A NORMAL GROWTH TO GO TO THE SEED AND TUBERS.

We cordially invite you to visit our gardens at blooming time.

THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW IN OUR GARDENS AT BLOOMING TIME and you and your friends are welcome to come as often as you wish and without feeling under obligation to buy.

Postage paid on all retail orders of \$2.00 or over.

Courtesy to the trade.

Seed prices are Net and are as follows:

1000 seed \$30.00. 100 seed \$4.00.

50 seed \$2.00.

All seed sold in mixed packets and cash must accompany all seed and tuber orders. A special price will be quoted on all seed orders of 5000 seed or more. Planting instructions with all orders. Petrie's Select Dahlia Seeds may also be obtained from:—

ROXBURY DAHLIA GARDENS
37 S. Canton Rd., East Akron, Ohio.

SMITH'S FLOWER GARDENS
R. 1, Box 65, Royal Oaks, Michigan.

Member of: American Dahlia Society.
British National Dahlia Society.
Dahlia Society of Southern California.

Abbreviations:

C—Cactus	S. C.—Semi-cactus.
Str. C—Straight cactus.	D.—Decorative
I. C.—Incurved cactus.	I. D.—Informal decorative.

Gardens at 1600 W. 174th St., Gardena, California

**"FRED A. FORTUNE" (Petrie-Roxbury)**

S. C. Exceptionally large flowers of golden apricot color. Cane like stems which hold the flowers facing. Heavy dark green foliage which is not affected by any insects. Medium height. The dahlia with no regrets.

Strong Divisions, \$10; Plants, \$5.00

Adorable I. D.

Peach pink on the outer petals and gold center. Quite attractive and really beautiful.

Green plants, \$1.00

America's Sweetheart I. D.

An immense yellow.

Green Plants \$1.50

Angelo Rossi I. D.

Large deep blossoms of clear gold, shading into apricot. Blooms on long stems.

Plants, \$1.50

Azura I. D.

Rosy lilac with bluish violet sheen. Tall, free blooming plant. Blooms 12" to 14".

Plants \$3.75

Baerne C

Salmon, old rose of beautiful form and color. Long stems. Plants, \$1.50

Ballego's Surprise C

White with Frau Bracht formation. Being tried at Wisely. Plants, \$1.50

Bette Davis S. C.

Deep violet rose with darker center. High center. Many petals. Flower facing on long, rigid stems. You'll like this one.

Plants, \$1.50

**"FRANCES B. LAW" (Petrie-Roxbury)**

I. D. Giant Exhibition Dahlia of rare form and beauty. The color is Lavender shading to lighter at center of bloom. Perfect formation, strong, long stems holding the flowers at the perfect angle. Healthy strong sturdy plants of medium height which are not affected by insects. Winner at the Akron Dahlia Society show in the undesseminated class.

Strong Divisions, \$10; Plants, \$5.00

Blue River F. D.

Very large blue French violet in color. Long straight stems and an early bloomer. Medium grower.

Plants \$2.00

California Idol I. D.

A giant, glistening yellow. Very deep flower of pastel shade.

Roots \$5.00

California Peach S. C.

Bright coral or peach pink. Size and formation similar to Satan.

Plants \$5.00

Cavalcade F. D.

Old rose or mulberry. Long stems.

Roots \$2.00

Challenger S. C.

Good red semi cactus. Good bloomer on good stems.

Roots \$2.50

Charlie Chaplin I. D.

Large deep gold to bronze center. Exceptionally strong grower on long, straight, stiff stems. Roll of Honor and C of M.

Roots \$2.00

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"ROXBURY'S MYSTERY" (Roxbury-Petrie)

I. D. Giant Exhibition type of unusual color, the general tone being orange red, tipped white. Winner as the best bi-color in the undesseminated class at the Akron Dahlia Society show. A reliable judge of dahlias who had "Roxbury's Mystery" on trial has the following to say of this fine dahlia:

"An extremely unique and beautiful bi-color of odd combination and attractive formation. Blooms large and numerous, strong stems holding the flowers facing. Admired by all visitors. Vigorous growth and medium height. Clean foliage and insect resistant. Good keeper when cut. A refined flower that should make good on the show table.

Strong Divisions, \$10; Plants, \$5.00

Claron F. D.

Scarlet with reverse streaked yellow. Good keeper.
Roots \$1.50

Conquistador C.

Cream shading to pink. Tall grower. Stiff stems.
Plants \$1.00

Clara Carder Dec.

Cyclamen pink with perfect stems.
Plants \$2.00

Cornelia Bryce Pinchot I. D.

A giant maroon on the best of stems. Heavy foliage and robust grower.
Plants \$1.00

Deutsche Saar C.

Pale yellow to white with broad, curled petals. Good stems and habit. Seedling of Frau Bracht.
Plants \$1.50

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"YELLOW MARVEL" (Petrie-Roxbury)

F. D. Giant Exhibition Dahlia of perfect form. Color is deep golden yellow with petals evenly tipped white. Tall, strong grower. Long stems, insect resistant foliage. One of the most attractive dahlias we had in our garden. One bloom of this variety was displayed at the Mid-West Show at Cincinnati, Ohio, attracting many admirers with its beautiful form and color.

Strong Divisions, \$10; Plants \$5.00

Dr. E. F. Erby F. D.

Large salmon buff with copper shades. (Australia).
Plants \$5.00

Dorothy Crowell I. D.

Very beautiful and graceful formation. Long wavy petals. Outside petals are lavender pink to white center. Tall grower.

Roots \$2.00

Edward G. Barnes I. D.

Cream at center to white.
Plants \$1.00

Frances B. Law. See cut.

Fred A. Fortune. See cut.

Ft. Monnouth S. C.

Rich cream maroon. Long stems.
Roots \$1.00

F. W. Fellows Eng. Cactus

True English cactus of orange scarlet.
Roots \$.75

Golden Age S. C.

Large bronze on fine stems. Fine color.
Plants \$1.00

Golden Standard I. C.

Immense blooms of light buff. Good stems.
Roots \$1.50

Hi-Lite I. D.		
Large velvety carmine lightly tipped with gold. Silver reverse. Strong stems.	Plants \$2.50	
Irene Anderson S. C.		
Large rosy purplish cerise heavily tipped white. Tall grower on perfect stems. Always comes true.	Plants \$.50	
Jersey's Beacon F. D.		
Chinese scarlet. Reverse lighter.	Roots \$.50	
Jersey's Dainty Str. C.		
Pure white on good stems	Roots \$1.00	
Kentucky Sun F. D.		
Bright, golden yellow. Blooms medium to large.	Plants \$3.00	
Koongarra Beauty I. D.		
Deep golden bronze. Huge flowers on best of stems. A new one from Australia.	Plants \$5.00	
Lady Kidman F. D.		
Very large, dark crimson maroon. From Australia.	Plants \$5.00	
Laetare S. C.		
A semi cactus of red tipped yellow. Long stems and a medium sized flower. This is very attractive. You will like it.	Plants \$1.50	
La Reina de Los Angeles S. C.		
Watermelon pink. A tall grower.	Plants \$1.25	
Major Bowes I. D.		
An immense carmine red informal decorative.	Plants \$2.00	
Maj. C. C. Messervy I. D.		
Massive yellow on perfect stems.	Plants \$1.50	
May Robson S. C.		
Clear, bright pink. Blooms facing. Good keeper.	Plants \$1.00	
Mavis Jones I. D.		
Huge golden salmon suffused bronze. Great for exhibition. Another from Australia.	Plants \$5.00	
Maureen Pulham		
Large, deep plum. Australian variety.	Plants \$5.00	
Mary I. Reeser I. D.		
Orchid lavender. About 10½" on good stems. A good strong grower and bloomer. A good keeper. You will like this one.	Roots \$5.00	
Mauretania		
Large salmon buff. An Australian variety.	Plants \$5.00	
Miss West Virginia I. C.		
Very fine and attractive of clear mauve.	Plants \$2.50	
Miss Glory S. C.		
Large apricot yellow. C of M at Storrs and on Dalia Roll of Honor.	Plants \$3.75	
Miriam Hopkins S. C.		
Very tall and very large. Salmon orange.	Roots \$5.00	
Mrs. George LeBoutillier I. D.		
Immense carmine red on stocky bush. Roll of Honor. Certificate of Merrit at Storrs and East Lansing.	Roots \$2.50 Plants \$1.00	
Mrs. Dodds		
Light apricot. Good size and stems. Australian variety.	Plants \$5.00	
Monmouth Queen F. D.		
Light creamy yellow. Very large blooms. Long stems.	Plants \$1.00	
Mrs. F. E. Bradley C.		
Pure white cactus on long straight stems.	Roots \$1.00	
Mrs. H. Hoskin D.		
Massive exhibition bloom of deep, mauve pink. From Australia.	Plants \$5.00	
Mrs. V. Bartley		
An Australian novelty of primrose yellow. Long, hard stems.	Plants \$5.00	
Mrs. Margaret Weiss F. D.		
Immense terra cotta bronze. Light, carmine reverse. Another from Australia.	Plants \$5.00	
Mimosa D.		
Rich, buttercup yellow. Curled florets. Australia.	Plants \$5.00	
Marjorie Cole I. D.		
White tipped yellow. Fine bloomer. Attractive.	Roots .50c	
Nocturno Str. C.		
Very dark maroon from Czechoslovakia. Almost black. Blooms held facing sideways on fine stems.	Plants \$1.00	
Oakleigh Monarch F. D.		
Large cerise red. C of M at East Lansing. Good substance. Good keeper.	Plants \$2.00	
Palo Alto S. C.		
Pinkish salmon shading to gold. Good stems. Good bloomer.	Roots \$1.50	
Prachtkerl S. C.		
Clear primrose yellow with good stems. Good grower. German origination.	Plants \$1.50	
Reichert's Masterpiece S. C.		
A clear canary yellow with about 1/3 of the petal a clear amethyst. Very beautiful.	Plants \$1.50	
Remmei I. C.		
From Japan and the name of a Japanese fraternal organization. Color is soft rose suffused reddish pink. Flower upright on long, strong stems. Blooms are large.	Plants \$1.50	
Riverina D.		
Massive yellow shaded bronze. Like Marmion only it has stiff stems. (Australian).	Plants \$2.50	
Rockley Moon F. D.		
Bright yellow with bronze at center. Good stems.	Plants \$.50	
Romeo I. D.		
Brightest scarlet. Of good size and very satisfactory.	Plants \$2.50	

Roxbury's Mystery—See cut.

Roxbury's Ideal F. D.
Pink.

Roots \$3.50

Royal Purchase I. C.

Yellow with outer petals suffused pink. Good stems.

Plants \$3.75

Royal Robe I. D.

Rich, royal purple with silver reverse.

Plants \$.50

R. A. Broomfield Dec.

Capucine orange shaded rose pink. A very fine flower on good stems. Dahlia Roll of Honor 1933. Prolific bloomer.

Roots \$1.50

Sacred Fire I. D.

Glowing cherry red with scarlet sheen. From Czechoslovakia.

Plants \$1.00

Senshin C.

A Japanese dahlia named for a religious sect. White in color.

Plants \$1.50

Shintenchi C.

A Japanese dahlia named for a city in the province of Hiroshima, Japan. An art shade of red. On trial at Wisely.

Plants \$1.50

Sonny Boy I. D.

Old rose slightly tinged gold. Very large flowers.

Roots \$1.50

Showa C.

Deep cerise tipped silver. Japanese dahlia and the name is to designate the period of the reign of Emperor Hirohito.

Plants \$1.50

Shirokane Str. C.

Pure white. Japanese dahlia and name meaning white steel or white metal.

Plants \$5.00

The Fireman I. D.

Cardinal red with gold flushes.

Roots \$1.50

The Golden Goblin F. D.

Rich, old gold.

Roots \$.50

Virginia Club C.

White with needle like petals.

Roots \$3.00

Yellow Marvel F. D.

See cut

Note—I grew many, many more of the highly touted foreign varieties as well as some of the American and have been forced to discard them as they did not do well with me. I have **destroyed the stock** of such and am offering to my clientelle only such stock as really grew well with me and in which I have confidence. I take the loss and do not try to make it back from innocent and trustworthy purchasers.

Join your local Dahlia Society as well as The American Dahlia Society and keep posted on new and worth while dahlia originations as well as the best methods of growing same. Dues in The American Dahlia Society are \$2 yearly and may be sent to C. Louis Alling, Secy., 251 Court Street, West Haven, Conn.

